Scrapping of anti-dumping provisions under WTO

1857. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be please to state:

(a) whether Government plan to demand scrapping of anti-dumping provisions under WTO especially for the developed countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, how would Government ensure that in the guise of anti-dumping many developed countries may stop import of goods and services from India?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) No Sir, the Government does not plan to demand scrapping of anti-dumping provisions under WTO as the mechanism of anti-dumping duties is used by developed as well as developing countries including India to safeguard the interests of its domestic industry from dumped imports.

India has, however, demanded special and differential treatment for exports of developing countries in terms of more liberal threshold limits for imposition of duties, stricter criteria for initiation of cases by developed countries against exports from developing countries, operationalisation of Article 15 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement which provides for the possibility of constructive remedies before applying anti-dumping duties against exports from developing countries and certain other changes in the Agreement to ensure greater fairness and avoidance of anti-dumping provisions as a protectionist measure.

Second round of negotiations of WTO

1858. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the sminister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what will be the thrust of India during second round of negotiations comprising agriculture etc. under WTO;

(b) what plea the developed countries can take to block import of food and food products from India; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) During the preparatory process to the Seattle Ministerial Conference, India had highlighted the problems of large agrarian economies, particularly the need to provide them with necessary flexibility so as to enable